



GEER ON CAMPAIGN ISSUES

REPUBLICAN RALLY AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

Ex-Governor T. T. Geer Speaks At the Star Theater Last Night to Crowded House on the Issues of the Campaign.

EXPOSES THE CHEAP DEMOCRATIC METHODS

SHOWS WHAT DESPICABLE MEANS HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY DEMOCRATS IN CONDUCT OF CAMPAIGN—THE SO-CALLED "NON-PARTISAN" CRY OF DEMOCRATS MERELY SUBTERFUGE TO GAIN VOTES.

In a house packed to the very doors, and before an audience that realized the truth of his words, and was duly appreciative, former Governor of Oregon, Hon. T. T. Geer, last night delivered the opening speech of the republican campaign in Astoria.

The address was one to appeal to the voter, the careful man, the man who desires to know the truth, who wants facts, not theories, or idle assertions, with nothing to back them.

The meeting opened with a trio sung by C. H. Watson, Slade Taylor and Henri Taylor, all of Portland. The young men evoked the heartiest encores, and rendered several happy, and appropriate songs, adapted to the occasion. All the county candidates were on the rostrum, and were introduced to the audience by W. F. McGregor of the Central Committee. J. C. McCue previous to the address of the evening by Mr. Geer spoke for a few moments calling attention to the remarkable record of the republican party, its high principles, and predicted the election of the entire ticket, both county and state at the election in June. His talk provoked much enthusiasm.

After the rendition of several selections by the trio, Chairman McGregor introduced the speaker of the evening, Hon. T. T. Geer. The ex-governor prefaced his remarks with a few pleasant local allusions, and then entered into the full discussion of his subject. He said:

"There is no use to discuss the differences between the republican and democratic parties in this campaign. We have a sufficient number of republicans in Oregon to easily elect every nominee on the ticket. The only thing necessary to do is to call their attention to the peculiar 'non-partisan' campaign the democrats are attempting to carry on—a campaign in which every democrat in the state is expected to vote for every democratic candidate and the republi-

cans to desert their ticket in the interest of 'non-partisanship.'

"The only question is to head off this buncombe and bombastic claim of superhuman accomplishments of the democratic nominee for governor, for it must be noticed that no attempt is being made to elect any other candidate on the democratic ticket. On a claim of non-partisanship four years ago the people elected a democratic governor and we now have a democratic United States senator, a democratic supreme judge and still the people are asked to extend this 'non-partisan' administration four years into the future.

"The governor is a democrat for three years and eight months in the term but when a campaign approaches no republican can out-Roosevelt Chamberlain, and during his attacks of republicanism it will be noticed that he gives the appointing power an unbroken rest. He is making no appointments at this time. A school ma'am asked a new boy in school what church his father belonged to and he replied that 'He is a Methodist but he is not working at it very much.' Chamberlain is a democrat but he will not be working at it very much until after this campaign is over. He is busy now working the republicans.

"But I have wondered how he is going to hold the democrats within their party lines by means of a campaign speech, evidently carefully prepared, in which neither the word 'democrat' or 'democratic' occurs a single time. It is known that he is a democrat, born and reared in Mississippi, even, nominated as a democrat and by democrats, and that the eastern democrats are looking forward eagerly to his possible election that they may claim it as a solar plexus to the so-called infamies of the republican party, and yet a man wholly unacquainted with Oregon men and politics could read his speeches through without getting the slightest idea whether their

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23.—An official statement of the government justifying the refusal to grant plenary amnesty will be made public throughout Russia tomorrow morning. The statement says in the presence of the fact that fresh murders or attempts to murder officials by the terrorists society are daily telegraphed from the provinces and the government cannot expose the peaceful and right thinking section of the population to danger. The government, it says, cannot refrain from bringing to justice terrorists and bomb throwers. It cannot deliberate from punishment people who have committed and are still committing such crimes.

DAMAGED BY FIRE.

CHICAGO, May 23.—The plant of the Chicago Woodenware Company at 21st and Sangamon streets, was damaged by fire early today. One fireman was injured. Loss, \$50,000.

REVELATIONS MADE TAFT IS ANSWERED

Stock Holders of Railroads Officials Exposed.

GOVERNMENT GETS TESTIMONY

Railroad Officials Admit That They Held Coal Stock and Thought Nothing of it—Make Damaging Admissions.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—Further revelations concerning stock holdings in the soft coal mining companies by officials of the Pennsylvania railroad were made today when the interstate commerce commission resumed its investigations into the alleged discrimination by the railroads in the distribution of its cars. William A. Patten, assistant to the president was an unwilling witness, but under persistent questioning brought out the fact that he acquired stock of a par value of \$307,000 in the various coal companies. Vice-President Rea explained he did not believe he was debarred from ownership because connected with the railroad company. Vice-President Greene said 20 or 30 years ago it was not considered improper for officials of the railroad to own coal company stock but the conditions had changed and such holdings might not be regarded in the same light. He informed the commission that the directors of the Pennsylvania today appointed a committee to investigate the connection of its officers with the coal companies. Greene said he did not own a dollar's worth of stock in the coal companies. Other witnesses testified to stock ownership and to discrimination in the distribution of coal cars.

RECEIVED REBATES.

KANSAS CITY, May 23.—In the rebate case today E. W. Freyschlag, of the Freyschlag Mercantile Company Fraky referred to his agreement with George L. Thomas, a freight broker of New York, one of the defendants, whereby his firm was to receive twenty-five per cent rebates on freight bills and told him the money was deposited in New York to the firm's credit by one Jackson, whom he did not know. He could not remember whether he or Thomas had suggested the use of the name. He admitted the name was used to hide "this business." Other testimony showed that several firms had received large sums of money from mysterious sources after the freight bills had been paid, but none knew who sent it.

FATAL TRAIN WRECK.

LAFALETTE, Ind., May 23.—One was killed and eighty-three injured in a collision on the battle ground on the urban line near here today. Of the injured seventeen are in the hospital. With one exception all are expected to recover. Some in the wreck were only slightly injured. The victims are nearly all veterans attending the state G. A. R. encampment here. The motorman of the wrecked car was killed and the officials says his disobedience to orders regarding running upon the switch, caused the accident.

MONEY FROM AUSTRALIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—Sixty-two boxes of English sovereigns valued at \$1,500,000 were brought to this city from Australia by the Oceanic Steamship Sierra. The gold is consigned to local banks and is the largest single shipment of its kind in years.

REVELATIONS MADE TAFT IS ANSWERED

Former Engineer Wallace of Canal Replies to Secretary.

ABUSED OFFICIAL POSITION

Charges That Secretary Taft Used His Official Position Wrongfully to Ruin Wallace's Reputation For Veracity.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Former chief Engineer Wallace of the Istamian canal today addressed a letter to Senator Millard, chairman on the committee on inter-oceanic canals in reply to Secretary Taft's recent testimony before the committee in which he charges the secretary with having abused his official position in order to make a second attack on Wallace and place in the public record statements. "Calculated and apparently intended to affect my reputation for veracity, such as he would not make to me as one man to another, face to face." He also imputes to Governor Magoon a breach of confidence in having advised him take a certain course of action and then anticipating it by secretly writing to Secretary Taft. While expressly stating he bears no ill will toward William Nelson Cromwell, Wallace speaks of the bias of Taft in favor of that gentleman and says he was aware that Cromwell among other things was trying to secure payment by the United States of an improper claim, which, however, was afterward disallowed by the President. Wallace refers to the Manhattan hotel interview with Taft which was given out to the press in a statement by Taft a time, which "was not the result of a hasty outburst of anger, but a deliberate opinion formed after receiving Governor Magoon's letter and telegram," and expresses the opinion that the secretary's actions and remarks were prearranged.

ENDS IN COMPROMISE.

DES MOINES, May 23.—The famous debate over proper Presbyterian book forms ended in the general assembly late this afternoon in a compromise in which all words that might indicate the book is authorized, were stricken from the resolutions and the text of the title page of the book itself, and in which the resolution of the opposition is all incorporated, declaring specifically that the assembly made no recommendation with reference to it. With these limitations the report of Dr. Henry Van Dyke's committee was adopted and all bitterness between the factions avoided.

RAINEY OF ILLINOIS SPEAKS IN THE HOUSE

He Delivers Stirring Address Charging that the Watch Manufacturers Sell Goods Much Cheaper Abroad Than in America.

HEARERS EXPRESS APPROVAL OF WORDS

LANDIS OF INDIANA REPLIES TO RAINEY DEFENDING PRACTICE OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS IN SELLING ABROAD CHEAPER THAN IN THE UNITED STATES—WILLIAMS ANSWERS LANDIS.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The issues destined to be uppermost between two great parties during the coming campaign are already being joined, if the speeches now being made in the House are a safe index. Some weeks ago Rainey of Illinois, made a carefully prepared speech on the watch trust, asserting that watch manufacturers of the United States had one price for watches at home and a lesser price abroad. Today in the House, Landis of Indiana, in a sense answered Rainey, frankly admitting that American manufacturers had one price at home and another abroad, and he defended the practice as in accord with good business methods, insisting that all countries sold their wares for a less price abroad than at home. Landis attracted some attention to the speech made by Bourke Cochrane, wherein the latter denounced the policy of protection of some public plunder, the fountain source all corruption and the cause of the total demoralization of the American republic. This Landis de-

nied. He said every poor, but ambitious immigrant, who had landed here during the past ten years would refute the allegation. Williams answering Landis said he was encouraged in the fight the democrats were making in their fight for tariff reform because a number of the republican leaders, wished relief from the protective tariff. It was Williams' belief that the worst thing made by Williams that corn was so low in 1890 and 1891 that the farmers were compelled to burn it for fuel. He said he came from the Indian corn belt and denied that the farmers there were compelled to burn corn because it was a drug on the market. Williams insisted that he was right in his statement. This brought Hinshaw of Nebraska and Reeder of Kansas to their feet. They both denied that the farmers in their states burned their corn. When Landis concluded the republican side rose and accorded him an ovation.

ACCEPTS RESIGNATION.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The President formally accepted the resignation of Horace A. Taylor, assistant secretary of the treasury to take effect on June 30. He will soon leave on a tour of the world which will occupy two years or more. Taylor will be succeeded by J. H. Edwards, now secretary to Secretary Shaw, whose appointment and confirmation by the senate is already announced. Edwards will be succeeded as secretary to Secretary Shaw by Arthur F. Statter originally an Iowa man. Statter has had ten years experience as a newspaper man in Sioux City and in Walla Walla, Wash., where for a time he was editor of the Walla Walla Union. Since 1903 he has been private secretary to Senator Ankeny and clerk to the senate committee on irrigation.

LEAVE NO SCARS.

NEW YORK, May 23.—A cable dispatch to a morning paper from London says: Some of the hospitals here are employing for operation an unnamed surgeon who has perfected a method of incising the skin without leaving a visible scar. His success is mainly attributable to his skill and experience, but his method is based on the practice of cutting the skin slantwise instead of at right angles to the surface. He uses hollow ground scalpels, made after his own designs. Some times massages forms part of the healing treatment. It is said that old scars from operations can be removed by this method which, it is declared, is one of the most important advances made in surgery in recent years.

DETAILS OF TERRIBLE TRAGEDY MADE KNOWN

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 23.—It was learned today that a double murder to cover a robbery was followed by a lynching in the wilds of the mountains of the Chickasaw Nation. The affair occurred two weeks ago. The participants in the tragedy were mountaineers, who agreed to keep the affair a secret, woods and on discovery shot down in two weeks ago an unknown man went to the home of B. T. Tutt, who lives at the base of the mountains and despooned to inquiries were "Well, they manded food. He was refused by Mrs. Tutt, who found it necessary to enforce body else."

few days later a nearby farm occupied by two maiden ladies, was broken into and the sisters shot to death through inability to protect themselves and were robbed of \$700 cash. The neighbors discovered the dead and a posse was organized. The murderer was trailed to the cold blood. Upon the return of the boys from the woods the only remarks in response to inquiries were "Well, they manded food. He was refused by Mrs. Tutt, who found it necessary to enforce body else."

SAILORS ON SHIP SHOOT DOWN TWO MEN IN BOAT

PORT TOWNSEND, May 23.—Charles Gunderson and Harry Stubby, sailor boarding house runners, were both shot in the head by members of the crew of the British ship Morven this afternoon while in a boat returning to the shore from the Morven. They were overtaken by a boat from the ship. Without warning firing commenced, stubby falling at the first discharge, the bullet pierced his skull.

Gunderson attempted to defend himself with an oar, but was shot in the head making a flesh wound. Three of the Morven's crew, who were in the boat with Gunderson and Stubby were hauled out and returned aboard the ship. Stubby's condition is serious. The entire crew of the Morven will be arrested tomorrow charged with attempted murder.